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In reply to the Examiner's Office Action dated September 17, 2002, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

A1 sub B1
1. (Amended) A shorts type disposable diaper comprising a liquid-permeable topsheet, a liquid-impermeable anti-leakage sheet and a liquid-retentive absorbent core, a body-surrounding portion which is located between a waist opening portion and a leg opening portion, with said body-surrounding portion containing side portions, and a plurality of body-surrounding elastic members provided at the body-surrounding portion, with said body-



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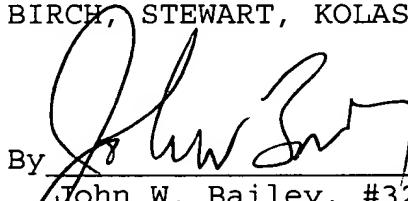
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- Petition for one (1) month(s) extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a). \$110.00 for the extension of time.
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- Check(s) in the amount of \$110.00 is(are) enclosed.
- Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. This form is submitted in triplicate.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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